(a) what is the latest position of ESI super speciality hospitals in Asrawam, Kollam and Calicut in Kerala foundation stone of which were laid by the then Labour Minister in 1997;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in commencing construction work of the said hospitals;

(c) whether any request from the Kerala Government has been received to expedite the matter; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and what action Government have taken?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) ESIC has decided to have a Cardiology (non- invasive) (Super Speciality Wing) at Kollam. The construction of a hospital at Calicut is to be reviewed by the ESI Corporation on receipt of all relevant information.

Social Security Cover for Workers in Unorganised Sector

2678. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed social security cover for workers in the unorganised sector;

(b) the amount to be charged from the workers and the grants to be given by Government; and

(c) how the scheme would be made operational especially in rural sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) Government has launched on 1st July, 2001 "Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana - 2001" for agricultural workers, the larges segment in the unorganised sector. The main provisions of social security under the Scheme are Life- cum-accident insurance, Money back, Pension and superannuation benefits.

Agricultural workers in the age group of 18 to 50 years are eligible under the scheme. The insured worker will contribute Re.1/- per day, or Rs.365/- per year, and the Government of India will contribute Rs.2/- per day, or Rs.730/- per year from the Social Security Fund.

The Scheme will be implemented in 50 districts during the first phase giving representation to all the States.